

# Rule Up For Discussion and Possible Filing

Proposed Amendment to

Amended Section WAC 230-40-825

Closed circuit television system – House-banking.

ITEM 14 (a) on the August 13, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda.

**Statutory Authority 9.46.070** 

# Who proposed the rule change?

Robert Dayton.

### Why is this rule change needed?

Robert Dayton has submitted a Petition for Rule Change to amend WAC 230-40-825. This rule sets closed circuit television surveillance requirements for house-banked card rooms. Currently, subsection (2)(c) of this rule requires winning hands in excess of \$500 to be verified by surveillance; this includes verification of the winning hand, the amount of the wager and the player who won the prize.

Mr. Dayton writes that "on busy days, so many winning hands are verified that it is exhausting for floor supervisors and surveillance observers, and prohibits them from sufficiently protecting the assets of the card room and upholding other rules". Mr. Dayton also notes that with the increase in betting limits, there will be even more payouts over \$500. Mr. Dayton would like to raise the winning amount to be verified from \$500 to \$1,000.

The Agency Rules Team has taken an initial look at the petition and is not concerned that the change would reduce player protection or increase cheating. However, the team is collecting comments from staff and will provide a recommendation, regarding the petition, at the September Commission meeting.

#### Attached:

Memo dated August 1, 2004, to the Commission regarding their options for handling the Petition.

Petition for Rule Change

Proposed amendment to WAC 230-40-825

Letter to Mr. Dayton informing him of the August 2004 Commission meeting.

#### Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

# Which licensees will be directly impacted?

House-banked card rooms.

# What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

#### Staff recommendation.

File for further discussion.

#### Effective date.

January 1, 2005.